



BINATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CARD PROJECT

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- The WA State Department of Health Tuberculosis (TB) Program is starting a new project called the Binational TB Health Card Project along with other partners across the nation including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mexico, and border states including New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, California
- Many TB cases migrate between the United States and Mexico. About 80 TB cases receiving care in Washington between 2001-2003 originated from Mexico
- The goals of this project are to ensure continuity of care and ultimately assure that patients who have TB complete appropriate treatment
- TB patients who start care in WA State will be given a card. If they leave for Mexico during the course of therapy, they will call the 1-800 number on the card to find a health clinic to continue their treatment in Mexico
- Patients who start TB therapy in Mexico will have a card issued to them. If they leave for the United States, WA State will be notified of this patient and we will assure that the patient receives and completes therapy
- Please call Molly Pulido (for Western WA) or Amelia Ayala (for Eastern WA) if you have a patient who:
 - Has active TB or TB suspect at risk of being deported
 - Already has this card
 - Is Mexico-born
 - Is Mexico-bound: recently arrived from Mexico, migrant worker from Mexico, has close or immediate family living in Mexico, works in the US and lives in Mexico